

THE NOTICEBOARD

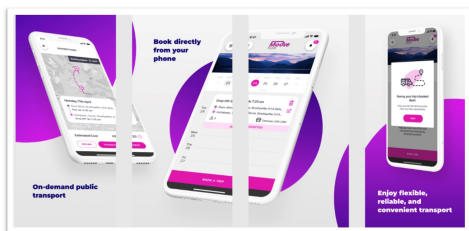


Wee Bus Charging Point and Booking App Launch

On the 18th October Janet Bird and her grandson Caleb, along with Arthy Sivakumara, Culbokie Spar, officially opened the Charging Point for our Wee Ferintosh Bus. This means the bus can now be operated by the wonderful team of volunteer drivers for evening and weekend trips. A big thank you has to go to Arthy and Rasan for homing the charger in the shop car park. Community journeys have increased significantly in the last couple of months. The local market run is coming up on 19th November and in December it will be helping run our Senior Citizens to their Annual Dinner.

The wee bus has also been chosen as the first bus service in the Highlands to have a new app available (Moove Flexi) that allows users to book online. The app is available on Android and IOS. The launch of the app also took place on 18th October and our thanks go to the wonderful ladies of Culbokie Church Cafe for making space at the cafe for folk to come and find out more about the app.

The wee bus is certainly making its mark. Have you tried it yet? For journeys taking place through the day Monday - Friday, you can book through the app or phone: 07519 722456 or 07519 772376. For evenings and weekends please phone 07387 364541.



Moove
FLEXI On-Demand Public Transport

The Wee Bus and After School Study

Are you a pupil at Fortrose Academy? Would you like to attend After School Study but don't have transport?

The Wee Bus is Here to Help

Fortrose Academy Students in the FCC are often disadvantaged when it comes to attending school activities that take place outwith school hours.

Following a very positive meeting with Headteacher, Jacquie Ross, we will be making the wee bus available on Wednesday evenings at 5pm to collect pupils from Fortrose Academy and return them home. For further information please contact Bruce Morrison - 01349 877127 / ferintoshcc30@gmail.com or speak to Jacquie Ross.

If you attend Dingwall Academy and you also have problems with transport for after school activities, please get in touch as we may be able to help you.

Remember, it's your Community Bus.

Call for Volunteer Drivers

Would you like to join our innovative service driving our wee all electric bus to ferry residents across the Black Isle?

Outwith normal hours (9.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday) when the bus is driven by paid drivers, the Wee Ferintosh Bus is chauffeured by a small group of six volunteers. In the last two months there has been a consistent and significant increase in residents finding the Wee Bus useful to them. Although our current volunteers are doing a great job with the current demand and all looks fine in the run up to Christmas, we could do with a few more drivers ready for the New year.

Volunteering now would give us plenty of time to set up the necessary insurance cover and introduce you to the Wee Bus. All you need is a clean driving licence (normal domestic vehicle licence). Any contribution of your time would be very welcome.

Please contact Bruce Morrison on 01349 877127 if you have an interest in helping our residents in this way. If you would like to talk this through he'd be delighted to hear from you.



A Message From the Editor

This is my second edition of the Noticeboard and the first that I have put together without the assistance of the resident young person. I take my hat off to both Eilidh and Carol Elliot before her. There's a wee bit more to it than just transferring articles from an email into a pages document.

I think this edition highlights how much is going on in our communities and at 15 pages long, it raises a few questions as to how frequently we should send out the Noticeboard. Perhaps a monthly edition with fewer pages may be better, particularly as we will be returning to some print copies. Your thoughts on this, if you have a moment to share them, would be useful.

Making sure we get to every household in the Ferintosh area has always been of importance to the Noticeboard team and FCC, but now, with an awareness of the need to save on paper and ink we are looking at the most efficient ways to deliver the Noticeboard. We will be consulting all households on this shortly. Keep an eye out for our leaflet. Thank you to those of you who recruited a few more households to join the Noticeboard email list.

I'm always on the look out for stories. It would be good to hear about some of the activities that go on in the schools and find out what our young people are getting up to.

Ferintosh Community Bus features prominently in this edition. It is great to see what can be achieved when collaboration happens and organisations and communities work together. If you've not used the bus yet, I can highly recommend giving it go.

I hope you enjoy this edition. There are certainly plenty of events and activities to support over the next few weeks.

Becky

Glascairn – ‘business and community services space’

Now the outdoor area at Glascairn is nearing completion and we have applied for Building Warrant for the Café and Volunteer Base/Toilets buildings, work has started on progressing plans for the third building on the site plan (see ‘Business Units’ circled in the plan below). We are delighted to announce that Highland and Islands Enterprise and Just Enterprise have approved funding for a feasibility study on potential uses and funding models for the building.

Inverness-based Just Enterprise will be conducting the feasibility study and a significant part of the work will be to consult the community to gather residents’ thoughts and ideas on what services and businesses they would like to these units provide. The consultation is likely to take the form of an online/paper survey with face-to-face opportunities to see architect sketches of how the units could look. So, watch this space for further details on how you can have your say and influence this important development.



Culbokie Community Market

Indoor market and café in Findon Hall

**Saturday 19th November, 17th December
1000-1200**

Time to get your Christmas gifts.

Always great opportunity to buy local produce, bread/
patisserie items, cakes, chocolate etc. or various locally
made craft items and plants

(Food vans still outside 1000-1100)

Enjoy a cuppa, cake/bacon roll and a chat in the café

Make it a date and support our local producers

Outdoors Every Saturday 10.00-11.00

Car Park beside the Church

High quality local food





Culbokie Sharing Shed

Winter Hours - Open Every Day 1000-1530 beside Church

Thanks to the generosity of our local community, school, through grant funding from the North Highland Initiative, FareShare and via Fortrose Masonic Lodge the Sharing Shed continues to be well stocked with fresh fruit and veg, plus non-perishable food and household items. There are still lots of lovely cooking apples for use now or for freezing/storing over the winter months.

The shorter days are fast approaching so please have a look in cupboards and see if you have any unwanted books, toys, games, jigsaws, craft materials etc. as we would welcome any donations to help folk pass the darker evenings. Plus, we are now happy to take any small Christmas items such as decorations and ornaments.

If there are specific needs within the community then please let us know. All monetary donations help provide additional food items. Please donate if you can when you borrow or take an item from the shed.

(Donations can be popped into the bins at the back but please ensure items are complete, in date, clean and no clothes/shoes/material etc)

Larger items can be advertised in the shed or on Facebook.

Thanks to all for their continued support. Our lovely little shed has become a special place to check out for all ages.

There are now over 180 Facebook members - to keep up-to-date with what's available join the Culbokie Sharing Shed group on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/343545136916931/>

Further information can be found on the CCT website: www.culbokiect.org

News From The Green Team

The Culbokie Green Team would appreciate your cooperation in dealing with dog poo. We are regularly carrying out maintenance and weeding on the green. The green is also a play area for children, and it is therefore essential that dog poo is removed. There is no specific bin on the green so please dispose of poo bags in the bin by the shop.



Join the Culbokie Green Team



Help look after Culbokie Green
Every Thursday from 2-4pm
Meet at Am Fasgadh (The Shelter) on Culbokie Green IV7 8FP
All adults welcome for healthy outdoor activities and socialising



Seed sowing
Meadow management
Weeding
Scything and mowing
Mulching
Construction jobs
De-stoning
Pruning orchard trees



Team Work

Get involved in the community
Meet new friends
Share skills
Games
Design and create
Learn and train
Socialise
Help bees and butterflies



Wear gardening clothes and bring a hot or cold drink
Register interest by email to Penny on info@culbokiect.org
.... or just come along to meet us

www.culbokiect.org

The History Group

The Findon distillery

Recently the attention of the Culbokie History Group has been drawn to a website claiming that a distillery existed for one year 1798 – 1799 on a site within the Findon Estate. <https://scotchwebisky.com/wbiskypedia/14217/findon/> It claims that the estate comprised of three or more farms (Mill of Findon, Mains of Findon and Bog of Findon) plus a mansion, Findon Lodge, at Culbokie. We would welcome any information from our readers so as to fill out the story. Details can be supplied through our website <http://history.culbokiect.org/> We have contacted the owners of the scotchwhisky.com website for more information. Donald Allan b 1767 Resolis and Donald Allan b 1769 Urquhart and Logie Wester are of an age to have been involved in distilling. The reference to “Findon Lodge” has been intriguing and the thinking is that it was located not far from Findon Mills. Item 7 in the Gallery for <http://history.culbokiect.org/index.asp?pageid=724474> “An historical drive through Culbokie from East to West” although the water colour is labelled as “Milton Lodge” which subsequently burned down in 1950.

The most famous of distilleries is at Ferintosh, immortalised by Robert Burns. <http://history.culbokiect.org/archaeologyandancientsites.asp> Whilst it is outwith the immediate boundary of Culbokie it would have played a significant part in the life of all residents. They would have been supplying materials for the distilling, and it would have been a significant structure whilst on their way to the Churches that served the Community. <http://history.culbokiect.org/index.asp?pageid=724491>

We were fortunate on being able to draw on substantial work and research carried out by the North of Scotland Archaeology Society (NOSAS) whose member Alan Mackenzie conducted us on a tour of the site in October 2017.

TRANSITION BLACK ISLE

Black Isle Repair Cafe coming to Findon Hall

Saturday 12th November, 1-4pm.

Before you chuck that broken item away and buy a replacement, try the Black Isle's roaming Repair Cafe and see if the volunteer repairers can help.

This month the café will be offering **general repairs, electrical repairs, sewing repairs, tool sharpening, a computer clinic and bike repairs.**

Enjoy coffees, teas and cakes in the cafe until your repairer calls you for your turn, then sit, watch and learn about how your repair is done. Saving money and precious resources from landfill - it's a win win! Bring any spare parts if you know what is needed and donate as you see fit.

All welcome - even if you don't have a repair!

The Black Isle Repair Café is a collaboration between Black Isle Men's Shed, Transition Black Isle and the Highland Community Waste Partnership.

✉ For more information or to volunteer, please get in touch by email: blackislerepaircafe@gmail.com. Visit Transition Black Isle Facebook page for updates.



**Broken?
Fix it!**

At the
Black Isle Repair Café

CULBOKIE - 12th November, 1-4pm Findon Hall

FORTROSE - 7th January, 1-4pm Fortrose Free Church

**GENERAL REPAIRS - ELECTRICAL REPAIRS - SEWING
TOOL SHARPENING - COMPUTER CLINIC - BIKE REPAIRS**

Plus tea, coffee, juice & CAKE!

ALL WELCOME!

For more information or to volunteer please get in touch:
blackislerepaircafe@gmail.com

Events and Activities at Findon Hall

ACTIVITIES AT FINDON HALL

Activity	Details	Contact
Adult Badminton	Friendly badminton for the not so serious. Monday 7.30pm	Allan Mackenzie on 01349 866494
Beavers	Tuesday 6.00pm	culbokiebeavers@gmail.com
Tai Chi	Wednesday 11am	Beti at betitaichi@gmail.com
Baby and Toddlers	Parents, grandparent and other carers all welcome to come along and play. Friday 10am	Message us on Facebook – Culbokie Baby and Toddlers Or just come along on a Friday.
Dance for joy	All welcome to come along and dance to tunes of all genres for fun and exercise. Friday 7pm	Further info from Michaela on 0780 128 7782 or Facebook – Dancing for joy on the Black Isle
Indoor Bowling	Indoor carpet bowls for beginners and experienced players. Wednesday 7.30pm	Contact Bruce on 01349 877127 Or just come along as club equipment is available for use.
Kendo	Kendo, the way of the sword, is the art of Japanese fencing. Beginners welcome. Sunday 9.30am	www.contact@kendoinverness.com www.kendoinverness.com www.facebook.com/Invernesskendoclub
Culbokie Music Initiative	A variety of music lessons with drums and guitar in person at the hall. Mondays	Contact Marc on 0773 492 4720 or Liam on 0787 663 0137 or Culbokie Music Initiative / Facebook
The Black Isle Orchestra	Grade 8 or very near standard playing please	black.isle.orchestra@gmail.com The Black Isle Orchestra/Facebook
Culbokie Community Market	Indoors, local food and crafts and café on the 3 rd Saturday of every month 10am – 12 noon Also fish and meat vans outdoors every Saturday 10-11am.	Culbokie Community Market/Facebook or sylviemain@googlemail.com
Culbokie Panto Group	Rehearsals start mid-August for December performance	Contact Sheila Robinson on 01349 800153 during office hours for details





Culbokie Players

It's almost that time of year again folks. After two long years, we can finally bring you another Culbokie Pantomime. This year we have a wonderful cast of Culbokie children, supported by some dubious adults and one serious actor - can you guess who?? We can't wait to see you all.

THE CULBOKIE PLAYERS ARE PROUD TO PRESENT (FINALLY!!) AFTER TWO YEARS

ALLY BABA AND THE FORTROSE THIEVES

Thursday 8th at 7:30pm
Friday 9th at 7:30pm
Saturday 10th at 7:30pm
Doors open at 7pm

Tickets cost:
Adult: £7 Child:£3

Tickets can be purchased from
the Culbokie Market or
Contact Sheila on
01349 877 879

MAKE SURE YOU GET IN EARLY FOR THE HOTTEST TICKETS IN TOWN! ... OH YES THEY ARE!



Culbokie Church Centre

Sundays 10.30am - Morning Service

Tuesdays 1.30-3.45pm - Cafe



Wednesdays 10-11.30am - Line Dancing.



Wednesday 2 November to 7 December 7.30pm - Bible study on 1 Thessalonians



Thursdays 10am - Walking Group



Sunday 13 November 10.30am - Remembrance Service



Thursday 17 November 7.30pm - Women's Fellowship - talk on Mission Aviation Fellowship with Rod Mackay



Monday 5 December 12.30pm - Friendship Group Party



Thursday 15 December 7.30pm - Women's Fellowship - Christmas reflection with Carol Rattenbury



Saturday 24 December 11.30pm - Watchnight Service



Sunday 25 December 10.30am - Christmas Day Service



See www.culbokiechurchcentre.org website and facebook for more details.

Ferintosh Hall



CHRISTMAS — FAIR —



We still have space for some stall holders. If you're interested in having a stall, please contact Alice on: 07976482472



Mulbuie Hall Needs Your Help

Many years ago, the Mulbuie Hall was gifted to the community and has served both the local people and neighbouring Mulbuie Primary School for a whole manner of events, from yoga classes to Christmas community coffee mornings.

MULBUIE HALL NOW NEEDS YOUR HELP OR IT WILL CLOSE!

The current Hall Committee has now served a five-year tenure and is looking for the next round of volunteers to help with the running of this vital community asset.

It is a particularly essential resource for the school who use it twice weekly in the winter months for indoor P.E., for staging Nativity plays and special shows, for hosting Leavers' Assemblies and Christmas parties and many other activities that the school building simply can't accommodate.

If you think you can help or want to find out more, please come along to a friendly meeting at the Hall 7pm, Tuesday 15th November.

Thank you,

Nick Mackenzie, Chair

Mulbuie Hall Committee



Eilean Dubh Home Care Needs Your Help



Eilean Dubh Home Care is the main provider of home care to adults in the north Black Isle, currently providing care from Balblair to Ferintosh. We are rated 'Good' by the Care Inspectorate and as such our services are constantly in demand to care for local, vulnerable adults.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide the care that is desperately needed without recruiting dedicated and caring people. We would like to hear from anyone that would wish to join our great team of Home Carers on a full time or part time basis. We pay £11 per hour plus holiday pay and provide a pension, uniform, full training, mileage allowance and great support from colleagues and management. In our recent staff survey, 100% of colleagues said they would recommend Eilean Dubh Home Care as an employer in adult health and social care.

Should you wish to join our great team or learn more about our service, please contact:

Audrey on 07830 575695 or email audrey@edhomecare.co.uk

You could also contact us via Facebook and to learn more about us, visit our website:
www.edhomecare.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ferintosh Community Council

We are fortunate to have a very active Community Council who work hard on behalf of residents. The Community Council area is spread across 3 different areas, so the Council rotate their meeting locations to reflect that.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Wednesday 14th December, 7.15pm** at **Ferintosh Hall**.

As a resident, you can become involved in a number of ways:

- Join the FCC email list and stay up to date with their activities
- Respond to consultations that FCC circulate
- Attend meetings
- Volunteer on behalf of FCC to follow up an issue or project. Our Community Councillors are all volunteers and as the saying goes 'many hands make light work'.

If you would like to be included on the email list or are interested in finding out more, please email Bruce Morrison, Secretary at **ferintoshcc30@gmail.com / 01349 877127**

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Noticeboard, please email becky@brachla.co.uk and we can add you to the list.
